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SUBJECT:SUDAN DENIES FLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR COCA COLA
EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT

1) AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS' ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE
INFORMED DEPT. MARCH 5 THAT SUDANESE CIVIL AVIATION HAD
BEEN UNABLE TO APPROVE OVERFLIGHT OR LANDING IN SUDAN FOR
COCA COLA COMPANY'S GULFSTREAM II AIRCRAFT, REGISTRY NO.
N-678RW, WHICH SCHEDULED TO FLY FROM CAIRO TO NAIROBI ON
MARCH 7. AIRCRAFT WOULD STOP IN KHARTOUM ONLY IF FORCED BY
WEATHER.

2) AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS' ASSOCIATION, WHICH
ARRANGES WORLD-WIDE FLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR PRIVATE AIRCRAFT,
HAS NEVER EXPERIENCED SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES WITH SUDAN AND
WONDERS IF NEW GOS POLICY MAY BE IN EFFECT.

3) WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE TELEGRAPHIC REPLY FROM
EMBASSY AS TO WHAT MAY BE DIFFICULTY AND IF ANYTHING
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